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The House met at 8 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Make us aware, O gracious God, of the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, whose faithfulness and courage have shown the way. We pray for all those who have devoted their lives in service to others and whose own dedication has inspired us all. Bless all who have served with Your favor and may Your everlasting arms support us all the day long. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] will come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HAYWORTH of Arizona led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of Friday, September 29, 1995, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 0900

JOINT MEETING OF THE 104TH CONGRESS TO CLOSE THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II

During the recess the following proceedings took place in honor of the 50th anniversary of World War II, the Speaker of the House of Representatives presiding.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Kevin Brennan, announced the Vice President of the United States and the Members of the U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, taking the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The joint meeting to close the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of World War II will come to order.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard.

The historical colors were carried into the Chamber; the flag was carried into the Chamber by the color bearer and a guard from each of the branches of the Armed Forces.

The national anthem was presented by the U.S. Army Chorus.

The color guard saluted the Speaker, faced about, and saluted the House.

The flag was posted, and the Members and guests were seated.

The Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., delivered the following invocation:

Let us pray. As we gather for this special occasion, O gracious God, we offer our thanksgivings as we recall the valiant deeds and historic acts of another day, a time which lives in our hearts with gratitude and praise.

O loving God, whose will it is that all people live in harmony and peace, we ask Your blessing on all those who answered the Nation's call to service so the forces of evil would be put down

and that opportunities for freedom and liberty would abound.

We especially lift up the names of those who gave their lives for others, often in places so far from home. We hold these names in high honor and reverence, for their sacrifice is etched forever in the history of our Nation. We recognize them at this time, and we join with our families in this holy memory.

We pray, O God, that as we contemplate the devotion and consecration of those who have served we will be worthy of their commitment in our stewardship of the blessings of this land. We pray, Almighty God, that the duty and honor of serving You and our country may ever enable us to take pride in our responsibilities and be faithful in all our tasks now and ever more. Amen.

The SPEAKER. It is most appropriate we hold this joint meeting of Congress to thank and honor the World War II generation who 50 years ago fought the most destructive war in history and saved the world for freedom. This morning we remember all who served our Nation, but our focus is on the World War II veteran, their families and those who served on the home front.

Many of those who served in World War II, family members of those who served as well as those who served in the home front, are our special guests this morning and at this time I think it is entirely appropriate to recognize and thank them.

First, I would like all those who have received our Nation's highest military award for valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, to please stand and remain standing or raise your hand. [Applause.]

Next, would all World War II veterans, including our colleagues in the House and Senate who served, please stand and remain standing or raise your hand. [Applause.]

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